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## TRAINING WORKSHOP ON BIODIVERSITY MONITORING IN XUAN THUY NATIONAL PARK

BCA has held “Training workshop on Biodiversity monitoring guidance” on 9th December, 2013 in XTNP in order to strengthen, train the skills for local staffs on biodiversity monitoring, with the support of experts from Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources (IEBR). In the morning session, the experts from IEBR explained the plan of the 1st biodiversity monitoring in XTNP, which planned to be conducted from the following day, and the discussion was held among the all participants. In the afternoon session, the participants were divided into several groups, such as plant, environment, GIS, macro-invertebrate, reptile-amphibian, fish, bird, insect, and socio-economic and learned the monitoring methods in the field. Approximately 20 people participated from Nam XTNP, DONRE Nam Dinh, DARD Nam Dinh and others.

Goal and targeted participants are as follows.

### • Goal

The training workshop is to improve skills and technique as well as transfer technology on biodiversity monitoring and biodiversity indicators development with the purpose of formulating the local database for local officials.

### • Targeted Participants:

- + Department of Natural Resources and Environment of Nam Dinh province
- + Department of Agriculture and Rural Development of Nam Dinh province
- + XuanThuy National Park+Communes Department of Statistics in the buffer zone of XuanThuy National Park
- + District Department of Statistics
- + Biodiversity Conservation Agency /Vietnam Environment Administration.



## COUNTERPART TRAINING ON “BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND DATABASE MANAGEMENT” IN MALAYSIA AND JAPAN

*From October 27th to November 9th*

Training programs in Malaysia and in Japan has been carried out from October 27th to November 9th. 6 trainees from Counterpart organization as VEA/ MONRE and DoNRE, NamDinh and related ministries and agencies as MARD (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development), , VAST (Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology)and XTNP. Trainees learned the case of biodiversity monitoring and conservation in the field with coordination by SDBEC (Sustainable Development on Bornean Biodiversity and Ecosystem Conservation in Sabah) project of JICA in Sabah, Malaysia for a week. In Japan, lectures of monitoring cases include database management, methods and strategies based on “Monitoring site 1000” worked out by Ministry of Environment of Japan has been given by Tokyo university, Nagao Natural Environment Foundation, Wild Bird Society of Japan, Nature Conservation Society of Japan, Chiba Biodiversity Center, Biodiversity Center of Japan . Goals of the training are as follows. Trainees presented their action plans to improve current Vietnamese situation of Biodiversity monitoring and database management to JICA headquarter and JICA experts during evaluation meeting on the last day of training.



### Goal

- Acquire expertise on how technical and organizational systems should be by learning cases of management and operation of monitoring and database management on biodiversity conservation by specialized agencies, including JICA projects in Japan and the third country, contributing to the enhancement of collaboration with related organizations required for future operation of the NBDS as well as the strengthening of technical and organizational structures.
- Acquire techniques and knowledge for implementing biodiversity surveys efficiently and effectively on a continuous basis within limited budgets through field observations, and learn skills and experiences required for formulating biodiversity survey and monitoring plans in consideration of various unique ecosystems with a view to ensuring that trainees can plan and implement monitoring and surveys on

their own initiatives sustainably, reflecting these outcomes into continuous biodiversity monitoring and surveys and database management by trainees’ organizations.

## 1ST BIODIVERSITY MONITORING IN XTNP IN DECEMBER, 2013

Local consultant groups conducted 1st biodiversity monitoring in XTNP from 10 to 15 December, for purpose of testing the proposed biodiversity indicators for XTNP. The 25 indicators were tested, consisting of 10 indicators of status, 8 indicators of pressure, 4 indicators of response and 3 indicators of use value, by 9 survey groups; plant, insect, fish, amphibian-reptile, bird, macro-invertebrates, environment, GIS and socio-economy.

After the monitoring in XTNP, each group started to analyze the results from monitoring and will submit their thematic reports to the technical leader, BCA and NBDS project by 10 January 2014. Then technical leader will summarize the results from each group and submit synthetic report to BCA and NBDS project by the end of January 2014.



### Upcoming Events

1. The 2nd Workshop on Biodiversity Monitoring Indicators
2. Short-term Expert in Environmental Policy Area from Ministry of Environment, Japan

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### Greetings from JICA Experts

This is Haneji in charge of Ecological Survey.

Ecological resilience, resiliency thresholds and reversibility of degraded environments are research areas of interest.

Let understand jointly the natural succession of ecosystems in Xuan Thuy National Park and the driving forces for their conservation...

